

CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20505

MEMORANDUM FOR:

Deputy to the DCI for the Intelligence
Community

SUBJECT : Semiannual NSC Intelligence Review

1. Attached are specific CIA comments on the Semiannual NSC Intelligence Review which have been made by CIA components. In the interest of promoting the fullest exchange of reactions to the IC Staff report, these comments are submitted pretty much as prepared with only a minimum of editing.

2. In addition to the specific comments which have been attached, there are two general comments. In a number of places in the IC Staff report, as pointed out in our comments, the report does not place enough emphasis on a problem critical to high-quality intelligence production; namely, the lack of information flow. This is relevant in two respects, both in the flow of information from our collectors and the flow of information from the users or policymakers. We also note that the IC Staff report makes no mention of the question of foreign intelligence support on the issue of narcotics. This is surprising in view of the fact that the narcotics problem is one of the few specific functional issues which was addressed directly by EO 11905.

3. I am aware of Dick Lehman's concern that the report may be unnecessarily detailed and overly critical. There is reason to consider the concern. As the Administration changes, the Community's support to the new cast of officials will of necessity be educational and explanatory and this report as written assumes its readers already know a great deal about the intelligence process and product.

4. In the main, however, I agree with the need for a critical approach to our work as a means of goading all of us to improvement. With regard to the need to reduce the overinvestment in current intelligence and create interdisciplinary research and production, CIA (in DDI) has already embarked on a program and reorganization to accomplish this. Is this worth pointing out in some kind of covering note to or from the DCI?

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Attachment

cc: Mr. Lehman



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CONCUR:

Associate Deputy Director for Intelligence

Date

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